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SUBJECT: GREAT LAKES WATER LEVELS

REF: STATE 153231, JULY 2, 1976

1. FOLLOWING EXTAFF NOTE 305, DATED JULY 7, HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY EMBASSY. BEGIN TEXT. THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 123 OF JUNE 16, 1976 CONCERNING THE REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION ON THE FURTHER REGULATION OF THE GREAT LAKES, SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENTS ON MAY 7, 1976.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WISHES TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THAT CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY CONDUCTING A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S REPORT. IN VIEW OF THE SCOPE OF THE REPORT AND THE IMPORTANCE TO BOTH COUNTRIES OF THE QUESTIONS IT ADDRESSES, HOWEVER, CANADIAN OFFICIALS DO NOT FORESEE THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRIVING AT A FINAL CANADIAN POSITION IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. NEVERTHELESS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RECOGNIZES THE CONCERN OF UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES THAT THE WATERS OF THE GREAT LAKES MAY REACH RECORD HIGH LEVELS THIS  
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FALL. ACCORDINGLY, CANADIAN OFFICIALS WELCOME THE

PROPOSAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS ON THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE METHODS TO ALLEVIATE HIGH LEVELS. THE TIMING AND LOCATION OF A BILATERAL MEETING CAN BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

THE CANADA-QUEBEC STUDY ON THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER REFERRED TO IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THIS SUMMER. IN VIEW OF UNITED STATES INTEREST, THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE PLEASED TO INFORM THE EMBASSY WHEN THE STUDY HAS BEEN COMPLETED, AND TO PROVIDE THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT COPIES OF THE STUDY REPORT AS SOON AS THESE BECOME AVAILABLE. END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: EXTAFF OFFICIAL SEAN BRADY INFORMED EMBOFF THAT FORTHCOMING IJC MEETINGS AND WINTER NAVIGATION MEETINGS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOC TO HAVE INTERNAL MEETING PRIOR TO JULY 28. HE SUGGESTED THAT U.S.-CANADA MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS THEREAFTER.  
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